IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST PETITION NO. 3344 OF 2004

Manubhai Paragji Vashi] .. Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Maharashtra & 4 ors.] .. Respondents

Mr. M.P.Vashi petitioner-in-person.

Mr. K.R. Belosey, officiating G.P. for the respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. B.A. Desai, Addl. Solicitor General with Mr. Amjad Sayyed & Mr. G.C. Mishra for respondents No.3,4.

CORAM: R.M. LODHA &
S.A. BOBDE, JJ.

DATED: 18TH OCTOBER, 2006

P.C. :

. Pursuant to the order dated 22nd June, 2006, an Affidavit has been filed by Shri Rajendra Gajanan Bhagwat, Deputy Secretary, Law & Judiciary Department, today. It is stated therein that 222 reprints of the State Acts have been completed and that copies of the said reprints have been made available to all the 937 Courts in the State through their respective District Courts and that these Acts are also available at the Government Book Depots for sale.

2. The officiating Government Pleader handed in the list of 222 reprints of the State Acts and the five Government Depots where Maharashtra Government publications are available. The list is marked "X" for identification purposes.

3. It does appear that each and every judicial Court in the State has now been provided with 222 reprints of the State Acts and that the said reprints are also available for sale at Government Book Depots.

4. In the Affidavit, it is also stated that all Acts of the State from 2004 to 2006 have been updated and are available on the website i.e. *www.maharashtra.gov.in*.

5. In view thereof, we are satisfied that the State Government has taken adequate steps in making available reprints of the State Acts to the judicial Courts in the State. Though it is stated that the Maharashtra Government publications are available at Government Depots, we find from the list that the said Depots are only located in five places viz. Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Aurangabad and Kolhapur. The State Government shall ensure that these publications are

available at more places and at least at each District Headquarter.

6. Insofar as Central Acts, Rules, Regulations etc. are concerned, Mr. B.A. Desai, Addl. Solicitor General submits that all the Central Acts, Rules, Regulations etc. are available on the website *http://www.lawmin.nic.in/Legis.htm.*

7. We accept the statement of the Addl. Solicitor General.

8. We are satisfied that nothing further needs to be done in the Writ Petition. It is disposed of accordingly.

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[R.M. LODHA, J.]

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[S.A. BOBDE, J.]